

FISCAL NOTE

SB 3537 – HB 3586

March 31, 2006

SUMMARY OF BILL: Enacts the *Schools Against Violence in Education Act* also known as the *SAVE Act* which requires LEAs to adopt comprehensive district-wide school safety plans and building-level school safety plans dealing with crisis intervention, emergency response and emergency management as it relates to school violence. Such plans would be developed by district-wide and building-level school safety teams and would be in a form developed by the Commissioner of Education in consultation with the Director of TBI. The bill also requires the establishment of a statewide uniform violent incident reporting system for reporting information regarding violent and disruptive incidents. Authorizes the commissioner to withhold public money from any LEA not in compliance. Requires that no later than February 1, 2007, the commissioner will report to the governor and general assembly as to implementation and compliance.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

**Increase State Expenditures - \$85,400 Recurring
\$10,000 One-Time**

Increase Local Govt. Expenditures – Not Significant

Assumptions:

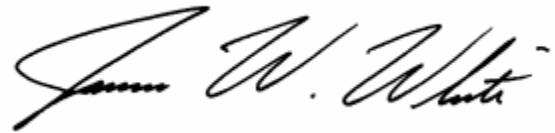
- One additional position in the Department of Education will be needed to review submitted safety plans, provide consultation to local school districts, collect and assemble violent incident data, and prepare required reports. The cost of such position is estimated to be approximately \$57,370 including benefits and approximately \$8,000 for travel expenses.
- The initial development of planning templates and data collection elements, as well as related training for local school districts, would require some level of contracted services. Such one-time contractual services are estimated to cost approximately \$10,000.
- Ongoing school safety training for local school districts would be necessary to insure that required plans are up-to-date and viable. Such training is estimated to cost approximately \$20,000 annually.
- Any cost to the TBI to consult the Department of Education in establishing a statewide uniform incident reporting system for LEAs to

follow is estimated to be not significant and can be handled within existing resources.

- There could be some cost associated with the requirement that LEAs must file information concerning violent and disruptive incidents to the Commissioner of Education. However, such increase is estimated to be not significant on local government expenditures. This would most likely affect the large school districts with the largest number of students and a higher rate of incidents.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" written in a smaller, more compact script than the last name "White".

James W. White, Executive Director